

Table 12. Most important reason for doctoral scientists and engineers to be working outside field of doctoral degree: 1999

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Most important reason	All fields
Total reporting working outside doctoral degree field (number).....	42,000
	Percent
Pay/promotion opportunities.....	24
Working conditions.....	4
Job location.....	5
Change in career or professional interest.....	30
Family-related reasons.....	6
Job in doctoral field not available.....	24
Other reason.....	7

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to total because of rounding. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1999.

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